

ACTION ITEM

Proposed Amendments to Procedures for Delta Stewardship Council Meetings

Summary: This action would adopt clarifying amendments to the Procedures for Delta Stewardship Council Meetings as follows: (1) designate the Chair of the Council (Chair) as the presiding officer for appeals challenging certifications of consistency with the Delta Plan; (2) in the event that the Chair is unavailable to serve in that capacity, designate the Vice Chair as an alternate presiding officer for such appeals; (3) rename the position “Assistant to the Council” as “Clerk to the Council,” and update that position’s closed session responsibilities; and (4) update the Council’s headquarters address.

Requested Action

To provide orderly and effective conduct at Council Meetings, staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached amendments to its Procedures for Delta Stewardship Council Meetings.

Background

Chapter 1 (commencing with Water Code section 85200) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Water Code section 85210) of Part 3 of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, establish the Delta Stewardship Council as an independent agency of the state, and provide for its mission, duties, and responsibilities. The Council is required to meet monthly in a public forum (85200(f)), and is subject to specified quorum and voting requirements in order to transact business (85210.5). The Council has the power to adopt regulations or guidelines as needed to carry out its powers and duties (85210(i)).

The Council adopted its Procedures for Delta Stewardship Council Meetings on April 22, 2010. This is the first set of amendments proposed for those Procedures.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: Proposed Amendments to Procedures for Delta Stewardship Council Meetings (Proposed amendments appear in red font, strike-through/underline [as appropriate] for ease of reading.)

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